

Mayor's Weekly Message- 3/18/04

It is imperative that I start my message out this week with an apology to the residents of Troy. For weeks I have been clamoring about the closeness of spring and thinking with eagerness about the new beginning it brings.

Well, I cursed us. Though I guess I should have known, this is the Northeast, and snow in March, and April for that matter, is a common occurrence. Despite the heavy snows, crews from the Department of Public Works and the Department of Public Utilities, with some added help from other departments in the City, did a wonderful job cleaning up the streets by Wednesday morning.

Not only were all the primary streets open by sunrise, but the crews did a great job of keeping open the secondary roads during the overnight hours. I'm sure there were a few bumps in the road, but there always will be. All told though, everything looks great...

Except for that lingering snow. I feel bad about it, so what I'm going to do is give away 200 snowbrushes to people next week. I'm not kidding. The first 200 people to visit the Mayor's Office next week, will be given a free snowbrush to use on the next storm I have inevitably cursed us with. Come early, and tell everyone you know to stop by. And just to clear up any conspiracy theories, I purchased these snowbrushes at an auction and I'm just looking to do something nice. (Remember, I was the one who jinxed us.)

One thing the snow has not done is slow my schedule down. In fact this last week has been like a tour of schools from me, from first grade all the way on up to college. I had the opportunity to meet with kids from Turnpike Elementary this morning, and next week is full as well. On Monday I am meeting with ten exchange students visiting Troy High School from Germany. On Tuesday, I'm set to have lunch with the Fraternal Organization from RPI, and Wednesday the ARK School is visiting Council President Marge DerGurahian and myself.

The kids are the future of our great City, and we want to do anything we can to get them involved with government early. Too often government agencies are given a bad name because of politics. We should change that in Troy.

Until next week, when spring will have officially arrived, do not forget to call me at 270-4401, or e-mail the Mayors Office if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or complaints.

Mayor Harry Tutunjian